IMORT OF DIAMMONIUM PHOSPHATE (DAP)

*431. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had imported a large quantity of (DAP) Di-Ammonium Phosphate;

(b) if so, the quantity thereof imported during the financial years 1987, 1988 and 1989;

(c) whether it is a fact that the job of handling and bagging thereof was given to private fertilizer factories in preference to public sector fertilizer units; and

(d) if so, the details thereof

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA) : (a) and (b) Phosphatic fertilisers are imported to bridge the gap between assessed requirement and indigenous production. The following quantities of Di-ammonium Phosphate were imported during 1987-88 to 1989-90 :—

Year	Qty. of DAP imported (lakh tonnes)
1987-88	—
1988-89	8.56
1989-90	28.15

(c) and (d) No. Sir. The contracts for handling, bagging and distribution at various ports are awarded to the lowest tenderers based on negotiations.

SETTING UP OF BUILDING MATERIAL AND TECHNOLOGY PROMOTION COUNCIL.

*432. DR. BAPU KALDATE : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up an Institution called "Building Material and Technology Promotion Council", if so, the details thereof;

(b) what would be the status of the said Council and whether it has been approved by the Planning Commission;

(c) whether Government have ensured that the proposed Council would not be duplicating the work being done by similar institutions, namely, the National Buildings Organisation, HUDCO, CSIR, etc.;

(d) what is the present position of the scheme;

(e) what steps Government propose to take to safeguard the interests of the Technical officers working in the National Buildings Organisation in particular;

(f) what are the reasons for setting up the Council; and

(g) whether the post of Director, N.B.O. is lying vacant since March, 1988; if so, by when Government propose to fill up this post ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a), (b) and (f) Despite a large body of new and innovative technologies and building materials developed by the R&D organisations the impact on building and housing activity has been found to be limited. The draft National Housing Policy, therefore, envisaged the creation of a dedicated organisation for technology search, application and promotion in the area of housing and construction. The Government, therefore, decided to set up the Building Materials and Technology Promotion Council as a Society under the aegis of the Ministry of Urban Development. The Council will act as an inter-ministerial platform to bridge the wide gap between laboratory and field application, promote on a large scale cost effective technologies and assist entrepreneurs for commercial production of building materials and components developed by R&D institutions and ensure wide spread adoption of innovative technologies and materials. This will also help to promote the objectives of the 8th Five Year Plan to increase employment and reduce the cost of construction. The initiative has been endorsed by the Planning Commission and the plan allocation has been made in the current year's budget for the Council's operations.

The Minister of Urban Development is the ex-officio President of the Council which is composed of the representatives

of relevant Central Ministries and agencies, State Govts., national level industrial promotion institutions, financial organisations and eminent experts.

(c) and (d) The Council will not duplicate but complement the efforts of existing organisations like NBO, CSIR, etc., whose activities stop at the stage of research and demonstration. It would draw upon their resources and expertise and assist in the extension of proven technologies and materials, and their industrial promotion. The Action Plan of the Council would cover critical areas like the utilisation of agro-industrial wastes like flyash, etc., promotion of building materials industries for increasing the supply of both conventional and new materials, technology dissemination and training, standardisation and certification of materials and components and promoting economy in construction by public agencies.

(e) and (g) The interests of technical officers in NBO will be taken care of. The organisational structure of the new Council will be so devised as to provide over a period avenues, with better prospects for induction of relevant technical staff of NBO. The filling up of the post of Director, NBO will depend on the identification of the new thrust areas of NBO during the 8th Plan.

WAITING LIST FOR GOVERNMENT ACCOMMODATION

*433. SHRI N. E. BALARAM : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a big backlog of Government accommodation in the capital for the Central Government employees who had applied for the same;

(b) if so, the number of applicants in the waiting list and upto what date of application, the accommodation has been provided in different categories;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a number of Government employees who own accommodation in the capital have been allotted Government accommodation; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to cancel the Government accommodation allotted to the employees having their own accommodation in Delhi ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. (*See* below).

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No such decision has been taken.

STATEMENT

(b) The number of applications (on the basis of criteria in Col. 3 below) pending as on 31-8-90 type-wise and the date of priority upto which applications were invited is as under :—

Type	No. of applications pending	Minimum basic pay (on 1-10-89) and/or date of joining service upto which Applications were invited.
1	2	3
I	3257	31-12-78*
II	10241	31-12-72*
III	8548	31-12-70*
IV	1904	31-12-70*
IV Special	216	Rs.4250/-